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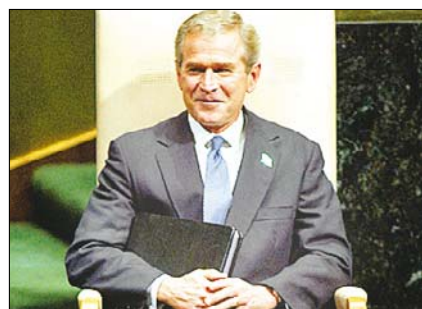
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### Middle Ground

Bush appeals to the U.N. for help in Iraq but dismisses calls for a swift turnover

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President Bush awaits his turn to address the United Nations on Tuesday in New York.

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**WEATHER** | THAT SINKING FEELING



**KICKED WHEN DOWN:** Curtis Yingling, an employee with Dewey-Jordan Inc., hooks a line around a tree that fell into a sink hole Tuesday in Frederick, Md. Flooding rains across the region Monday night caused more damage to the already rain-soaked region. ♦ **For more: See page 8**

## Court: The Recall Must Go On

**SAN FRANCISCO** | A federal appeals court Tuesday unanimously put California's recall election back on the calendar for Oct. 7, sweeping aside warnings of a Florida-style fiasco two weeks from now.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which had sought a postponement, said it would not appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, removing the final legal roadblock to the recall.

Last week, a three-judge panel postponed

the election to give six counties more time to switch over to electronic voting systems from the error-prone punch-card ballots that caused the Florida recount mess in 2000.

The 11-judge panel acknowledged that allowing the election to go forward now could cause some votes to go uncounted. But the panel said that the candidates, the voters and the state have already spent a huge amount of time and money on the assumption of an Oct. 7 election. **DAVID KRAVETS (AP)**

## Airman Faces Spy Charges

Translator at Guantanamo accused of aiding enemies

**WASHINGTON** | An Air Force translator at the U.S. prison camp for suspected terrorists has been charged with espionage and aiding the enemy — counts that could carry the death penalty, a military spokesman said Tuesday.

Senior Airman Ahmad I. al-Halabi is being held at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, facing 32 criminal charges, spokesman Maj. Michael Shavers said.

Al-Halabi worked as an Arabic language translator at the prison camp for al Qaeda and Taliban suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Shavers said.

Al-Halabi is charged with eight counts related to espionage, three counts of aiding the enemy, 11 counts of disobeying a lawful order, nine counts of making a false official statement and one count of bank fraud.

Espionage and aiding the enemy are military charges that can carry the death penalty, said Eugene Fidell, a civilian lawyer in Washington and president of the National Institute of Military Justice.

Al-Halabi was based at Travis Air Force Base in California and assigned to a logistics unit there, Shavers said. The Air Force enlisted man knew the Muslim chaplain at the prison who was arrested earlier this month, but it is unclear whether the two arrests are linked, Shavers said.

The translator was arrested July 23; the chaplain on Sept. 10, he said. **MATT KELLEY (AP)**



**Past Perfect:** Jonathan Lethem resurrects his childhood; "Bombastic" looks back to "Tetris"; David E. Kelley



hits a midlife crisis and Dave Barry trades telling hard truths for booger jokes. **ENTERTAINMENT** | 11-12

# EyeOpeners



## ANIMAL WATCH

### Man's Best Marsupial

An unlikely hero hopped onto the scene when a Melbourne, Australia, farmer suffered serious head injuries after being hit by a falling branch. The rescuer? A partially blind pet kangaroo. The eastern gray kangaroo, Lulu, stood guard over Len Richards's unconscious body Sunday and "barked like a dog" to get help, Richards's daughter said. Richards recovered from his injuries. (AP)

## LAW

### Sunshine State's Dirty Secrets

Although cohabitating before marriage is now a common practice, it can land you in jail for 60 days in Florida. The law is among a batch of

outdated state codes dredged up by the Miami Herald this week. Also still on the books: laws banning "speaking about a woman's lack of chastity" and requiring the Florida-Alabama border to be marked by mounds of dirt. (EXPRESS)

## FOOD & DRINK

### Pop Goes the Lawyer

Dawn Douglas of British Columbia, Canada, is suing the Coca-Cola Bottling Company after she was struck in the eye by a bottle cap as she was opening a two-liter bottle of Coke. In her lawsuit, Douglas claims the company failed to warn consumers of the serious risk in handling a soda bottle, the Canadian Press reports. She's seeking an unspecified amount in damages. (EXPRESS)



**WHO KNEW?** In 1958 the United States Coast Guard icebreaker East Wind measured the world's tallest known iceberg off western Greenland. At 550 feet, it was only 5 feet 6 inches shorter than the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., according to the Smithsonian's Ocean Planet Exhibit.

## LOVE & MARRIAGE

### Good News, Bad News

A judge performed a wedding ceremony for an inmate and his fiancée, moments after sentencing the groom to more time in prison for hiding marijuana in his underwear.

Chester County, Pa., judge Paula Francisco Ott added six to 23 months to 25-year-old Marcus Washington's prison term, then asked a deputy to uncuff Washington's right hand so she could begin the marriage ceremony. (AP)

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## TRANSPORTATION

### Toll-Free Spying

A judge in Escambia County, Fla., has started issuing sentences that stick — literally. Judge William White is requiring those convicted of drunk driving to attach a red-and-yellow

sticker to their car giving other motorists a toll-free number to report erratic driving, with each convicted offender given an individual serial number. He told the Pensacola News Journal he hopes the program will reduce repeat offenses. (EXPRESS)

## 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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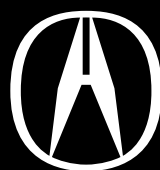


**UV Index (for solar noon)**  
5 out of 10, moderate

**Air Quality Index (AQI)**  
AQI Today: Not available

**Pollen Index (Yesterday)**  
Reading: Main offender: Not available

**Today,** foggy areas early, mostly sunny. High 78. Wind becoming south 5-10 mph. Tonight, mostly clear, patchy fog possible late. Low 56 in a few suburbs to 62 in the city.



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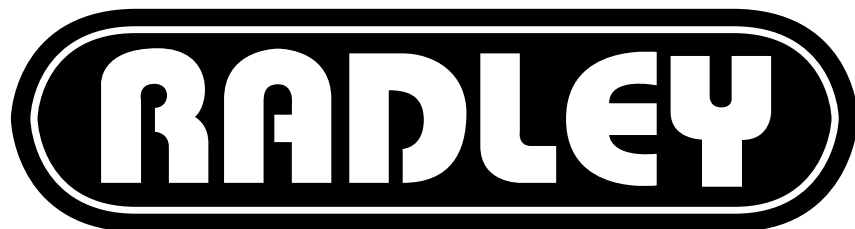
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## In Brief

## AUSTIN, TEXAS

**Debate Begins on Texas Redistricting, At Last**

After a four-month battle that included two Democratic walk-outs, the Texas Senate finally began debating congressional redistricting on Tuesday — but was quickly bogged down by Democratic stall tactics. The Senate Democrats returned for a third special session last week after they waged a 45-day boycott of the second session. (AP)

## WASHINGTON

**Largest Amtrak Union Won't Participate in Work Stoppage**

The union representing half of Amtrak's unionized employees said Tuesday it won't participate in a work stoppage planned for next week to draw attention to the railroad's funding problems. The Transportation Communications Union, which represents 10,000 Amtrak employees, characterized the proposed one-day walkout on Oct. 3, announced last week by other unions, as counterproductive to efforts to get Congress to boost funding. (AP)

## PHILADELPHIA

**School Bus Driver Given Four Years in Kidnap Case**

A school bus driver who stashed a rifle behind his seat and set out for the nation's capital with 13 children on a bizarre, unauthorized field trip was sentenced Tuesday to four years in prison. Otto Nuss, 64, pleaded guilty to federal kidnapping charges in June. Nuss's trip in January 2002 touched off a frantic six-hour search and alarmed parents at the Berks Christian School in Birdsboro, Pa. None of the children was harmed. (AP)



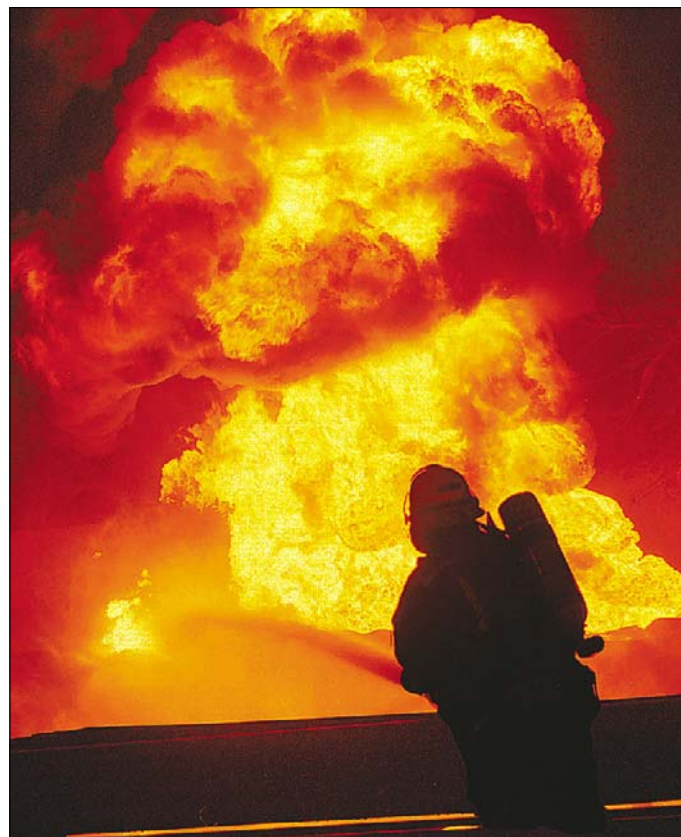
Nuss

## DURHAM, N.C.

**Rally Denounces Alleged Racism in Duke Party Fliers**

Protesters at Duke University rallied against a fraternity that promoted a party with fliers that looked like expired green cards and a mock border patrol checkpoint at the door. Several speakers said the Sept. 13 Sigma Chi party inflamed their long-held belief that Duke has ignored its Latino students. The fraternity's leader said the group was not racist. (AP)

## EXPLOSION | FIRE REIGNS



MIKE MEADOWS

**BATTLING THE BLAZE:** A Los Angeles County firefighter battles a gasoline fire after an ARCO tanker truck overturned and exploded, killing the driver, in Bell Gardens, Calif., on Tuesday. The fire also forced the evacuation of about 250 residents.

# Bush Asks U.N. For Limited Help

## President rejects calls for speedy return to sovereignty for Iraq

**UNITED NATIONS** | President Bush rejected calls from France and Germany to hasten the transfer of power in Iraq, insisting that the shift to self-government can be "neither hurried nor delayed." He urged allies Tuesday to put aside bitter divisions over the U.S.-led war and help lead a massive reconstruction effort.

French President Jacques Chirac challenged Bush by demanding a "realistic timetable" for granting sovereignty. But Chirac said he would not block a U.N. resolution sought by the United States to encourage other countries to contribute troops and money for Iraq.

In the first gathering of world leaders at the General Assembly

since the United States toppled Saddam Hussein, Bush was unapologetic about the war and its chaotic aftermath and unyielding on U.S. terms for creating a democratic government.

"This process must unfold according to the needs of Iraqis — neither hurried nor delayed by the wishes of other parties," Bush said, spurning demands of France and Germany in a replay of the acrimonious year-old debate over Iraq that has shaken old alliances.

Before Chirac took his turn at the microphone, Bush left the chamber, followed by Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.

The French president upbraided the United States for having taken a go-it-alone approach in Iraq after the United Nations failed to sanction the war. (AP)

**The president on Iraq:** Video clips and a transcript of the president's speech, plus reaction both foreign and domestic. | [washingtonpost.com/politics](http://washingtonpost.com/politics)

# Teen Gunman Likely Sought Suicide

**SPOKANE, WASH.** | A troubled teenager who was critically wounded by officers after he fired a gun at school was trying to commit suicide, police said Tuesday.

Sean Fitzpatrick, 16, left a page-and-a-half suicide note at home before Monday's shooting, police Chief Roger Bragdon said. He also made suicidal statements during the 20 minutes he talked with a police negotiator, Bragdon said.

"There is no doubt in my mind

that the young man intended to commit suicide by having us do it," Bragdon said. "He was talking suicide from the very beginning."

Bragdon declined to reveal the contents of the note, saying only the teen was explicit about his emotional pain and depression. Bragdon could not say why the student chose his high school for the showdown.

Fitzpatrick was shot three times by SWAT team officers who fired

almost simultaneously when the student raised a 9mm semiautomatic handgun toward them, Bragdon said. Fitzpatrick was shot in the jaw, stomach and arm and was in critical condition Tuesday at Sacred Heart Medical Center.

Bragdon said the suicide note was clear Fitzpatrick did not intend to harm others.

The gun was obtained from the boy's home, he said. (NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS (AP))

## HEARSAY | DISSENT

**"Protecting our nation's leaders from harm is important. Protecting our nation's leaders from dissent is unconstitutional."**

—WITOLD J. WALCZAK  
OF THE ACLU, ON SECRET SERVICE MOVES TO  
KEEP PROTESTERS AWAY FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Innocent Plea in Corpse-Dumping Case

**LAFAYETTE, GA.** | A former crematory operator accused of dumping decaying bodies around his family business pleaded innocent Tuesday to some charges and contested the validity of hundreds of others.

Ray Brent Marsh, 29, faces counts of burial service fraud, making false statements, abuse of a dead body and theft. He remains free on bond.

At Tuesday's arraignment hearing, Marsh pleaded not guilty to 122 counts of burial service fraud and 47 counts of making false statements.

Marsh, who took over the Tri-State Crematory from his father in 1997, is accused of stashing 334 bodies at the site in Noble in northwestern Georgia. (AP)

## Ex-NASA Official Warns of Space Station Dangers

**WASHINGTON** | A serious accident is waiting to happen on the International Space Station due to poor communications between American and Russian engineers, says one of the nine members of a NASA safety panel who resigned Tuesday.

Arthur Zygielbaum, a former member of NASA's Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, said safety flaws on the space station are being brushed aside in the same way that NASA ignored problems with foam insulation on the space shuttle Columbia.

Zygielbaum, an associate professor of computer science at the University of Nebraska and a 30-year veteran manager at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, was one of nine members to resign Monday from the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel amid criticism from an investigative panel. (AP)

# Nation

## Mass. Mulls Death Penalty

Gov. Romney launches effort to bring back capital punishment

BOSTON | Gov. Mitt Romney launched his bid to bring the death penalty back to Massachusetts on Tuesday, saying he wants to craft a law that will make it "virtually certain" that only those guilty of the worst crimes would be executed.

He named an 11-member panel of scientists, prosecutors and legal

experts to write a bill that relies heavily on science to determine guilt or innocence.

During his campaign for governor last year, Romney said he supports reinstatement of the death penalty for certain crimes, including the murder of a police officer, terrorist acts, the killing of a witness or murders committed with "extreme atrocity."



Romney

The Republican governor faces an uphill fight in the legislature, where support for the death penalty has declined in recent years. The past four Republican governors have tried unsuccessfully to reinstate the death penalty, which was banned in the state in 1984.

Romney said the burden of proof used to sentence someone to death would likely need to be even tougher than the "guilt beyond a reasonable doubt" level needed to convict someone of a crime. STEVE LEBLANC (AP)

## U.S. Residents Remain Mobile, Census Shows

WASHINGTON | America really is a country on the move. In the last five years of the 20th century, close to half the population packed up and moved to different homes.

Usually, the moving van didn't have to travel too far — nearly one-quarter of the country's 262.4 million people 5 and older moved to a new address in the same county, according to a Census Bureau report Tuesday.

The South attracted the most transplants — 1.8 million more than moved out of the region — while the West stayed about even and the Northeast and Midwest saw declines.

States in the Midwest, mid-Atlantic and Deep South had the highest proportion of people living in the state in which they were born,

### RAMBLIN' NATION

States with the most residents who moved between 1995 and 2000, according to the census:

- 1 Nevada — 62 percent of the state population
- 2 Colorado — 55.9 percent
- 3 Arizona — 55.7 percent
- 4 Alaska — 53.8 percent
- 5 Oregon — 53.2 percent
- 6 Washington — 51.4 percent
- 7 Florida — 51.1 percent
- 8 Georgia — 50.8 percent

which includes people who moved away and then returned.

The study didn't include a look at why people moved, only if they did and where they did.

GENARO C. ARMAS (AP)

### RECALL | CHILD'S PLAY



**HE'S A DOLL:** It's not his first action figure, but this toy from Herobuilders.com salutes Arnold Schwarzenegger the candidate.

## Four Plead Innocent in Club Stampede

CHICAGO | Four men linked to a nightclub where 21 people died in a February stampede pleaded innocent Tuesday to involuntary manslaughter charges.

E2 nightclub owner Dwain Kyles, his alleged partner Calvin Hollins Jr., party promoter Marco Flores and



A possible tornado ripped through Ewing, N.J., on Tuesday morning, ripping part of the roof from the Ewingville Auto Service shop and downing power lines.

## Storms Smack East Coast

RICHMOND, VA. | A possible tornado struck the Richmond area Tuesday and torrential rain flooded parts of Maryland, adding to the problems the region already faced from Hurricane Isabel.

No injuries were reported in Richmond, but trees that survived Isabel were toppled, homes were damaged and 27,000 customers lost power, adding to the hundreds of thousands still waiting for electrical service since Isabel struck last week, authorities said.

The damage in the Richmond area, part of a storm system stretching along much of the East Coast,

was likely a tornado, the National Weather Service said.

"The damage reports we have been getting ... are very conducive to a tornado," meteorologist Paul Houle said.

To the north, Tuesday's storm blacked out about 20,000 customers in southern New Jersey and about 34,000 in Pennsylvania, utilities said. The National Weather Service said tornadoes were spotted in two New Jersey counties.

The latest storms came as officials reminded victims of Isabel of the size of the task facing repair crews and urged patience. BILL BASKERVILL (AP)

used pepper spray to break up a dance-floor fight. Patrons fled for the doors, crushing each other in a narrow staircase.

The complaint alleges the owners violated a July 2002 court order demanding the building's second floor be closed. Their attorneys have argued the order referred only to balconies above the second floor. (AP)

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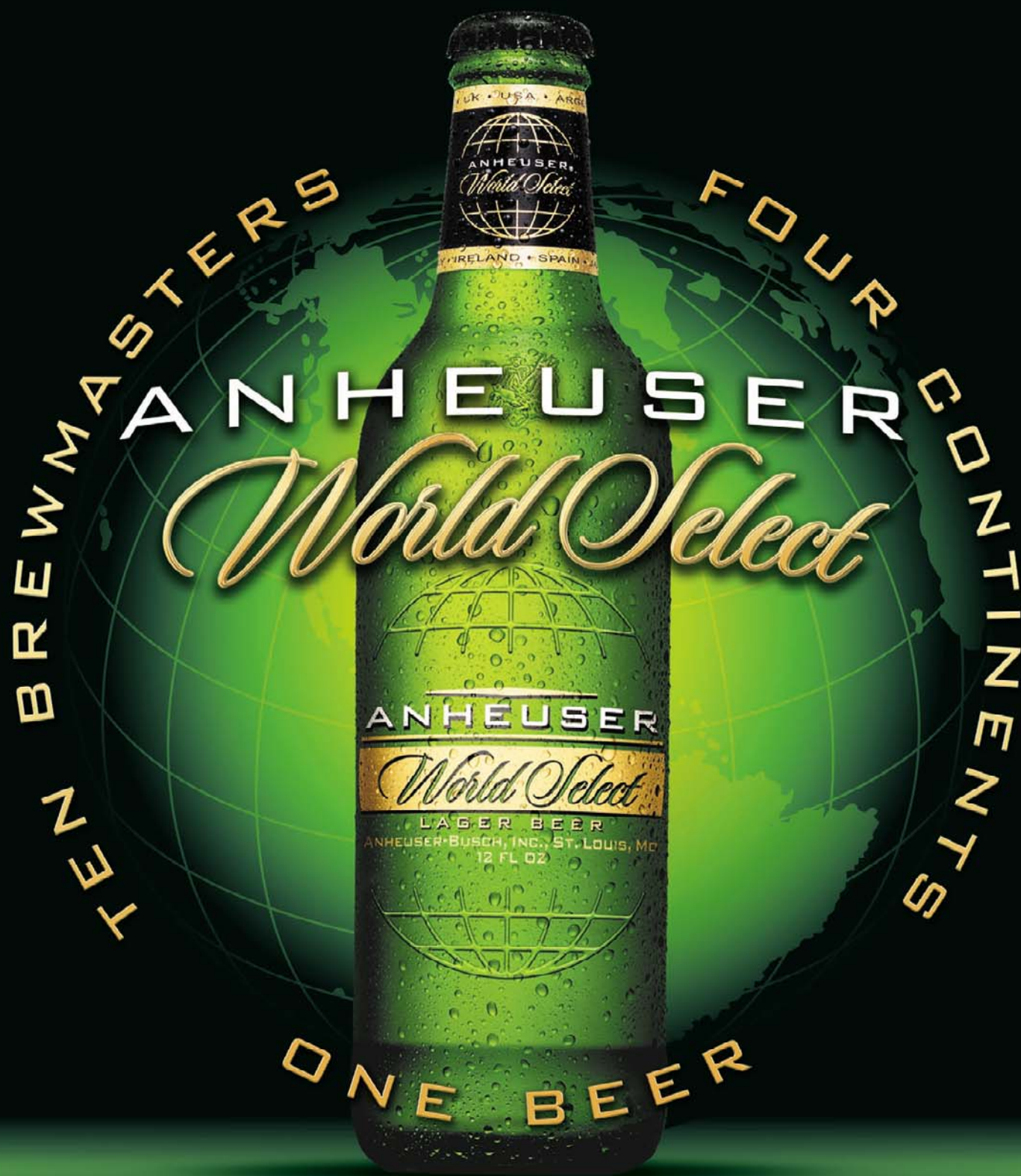
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# World

## Annan Urges U.N. Reforms

### Comments target 5-country dominance of Security Council

UNITED NATIONS | Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged leaders of the 191 U.N. member states on Tuesday to expand the 15-member Security Council to make the principal global decision-making body more effective.

In his opening speech to the annual ministerial debate of the General Assembly, Annan said the Security Council, where the five per-

manent members virtually control all outcomes, must become more representative.

The Security Council became a battlefield of divergent opinions last year. The United States clashed repeatedly with France, Russia and Germany over Iraq and the prolonged wrangling took up most of the council's time and attention before and after the invasion.

Although all 15 council members were involved in deliberations

on Iraq, the final stance depended on compromises reached between the United States, France, Britain, Russia and China — the veto-wielding members.

Many countries, which were either not on the council or were among its 10 elected members, felt ignored as the rich and powerful countries decided policies that bore the U.N. stamp of approval and consequently that of international public opinion. **RANJAN ROY (AP)**

**One country, undone:** Bush receives a cool reception at the U.N. as Annan discredits "unilateralism" in a sharp condemnation of U.S. policy, washingtonpost.com/world

## Iraqi Council Sanctions Popular Arab TV Outfits

### Bars Al-Jazeera, Al-Arabiya for 2 weeks over rule violations

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council on Tuesday barred journalists from two leading Arab satellite news channels from government buildings and press conferences.

The council said the two-week ban was imposed on Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya because it suspected the stations had violated rules that include not disclosing information about pending attacks on American troops.

A spokesman for Ahmad Chalabi, the current president of the Governing Council, accused the two stations of "inciting violence" against U.S.-led coalition



The U.S. Marines handed over control of the troubled Najaf province to the Plus Ultra Spanish Brigade Tuesday.

forces and Iraqi officials, and said the ban aimed to warn other media not to violate regulations on coverage imposed by the council.

The spokesman did not elaborate, and the statement did not mention any specific allegations.

TAREK AL-ISSAWI (AP)

**The rules:** The council accused the stations of violating "media-conduct rules" that it enumerated for the first time in Tuesday's edict. Today's Post: Section A

### HEARSAY | SCARED STRAIGHT



"Any candidate in this election who goes to ask permission from the illegal groups will be put in jail."

— COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT ALVARO URIBE

AFTER TWO CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL OFFICES WERE GUNNED DOWN MONDAY BY ARMED REBELS, URIBE SAID THOSE WHO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GROUPS WILL BE IMPRISONED. SO FAR, 12 ASPIRING POLITICIANS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE RUN-UP TO ELECTIONS.

## U.S. to Fly New Spy Planes Near N. Korean Border

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | The U.S. military in South Korea said Tuesday it will begin flying its newest unmanned spy planes near the border with North Korea this week.

The Shadow 200 Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicles will help the U.S. military monitor North Korean military activities along the 2.5-mile wide, 155-mile long Demilitarized Zone between the two Koreas.

Tension on the Korean Peninsula remains high over the communist North's suspected development of nuclear weapons. North Korea often accuses the United States of infiltrating its airspace with spy planes — a claim the U.S. military denies.

The Shadow spy planes are designed to track enemy movements and assess battle damage. The planes were used in the U.S.-led war against Iraq.

The military said it will begin flying the vehicles on Friday from a base north of Seoul.

Washington keeps 37,000 American troops in South Korea — a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War. (AP)



**WHO KNEW?** The 1997 Kyoto Protocol calls for countries to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases by an average of 12% from 1990 levels by 2008-2012.



## INDIA | BARRIER TO ENTRY



**FENCED IN:** In an attempt to stop the infiltration of militants, Indian workers construct a fence at the border of Pakistan, west of the Jammu region in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir. Work on the barbed wire fence, which began in 2001, should be completed in 2004.

## Lockerbie Bomber Appeals, Claiming New Evidence

**LONDON** | The Libyan intelligence agent jailed for the Lockerbie bombing is asking a Scottish legal commission to review his conviction, his lawyers said Tuesday, claiming they had new evidence.

Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi has already lost an appeal of his conviction for the murder of 259 passengers and crew on board Pan Am flight 103 from London to New York, and 11 residents of Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec. 21, 1988.

Al-Megrahi, who was convicted in 2001 by a special Scottish court in the Netherlands, was sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 20 years. (AP)

# War Crimes Case To Be Sent to U.S.

## American courts given jurisdiction in case against U.S. general

**BRUSSELS, BELGIUM** | A Belgian court on Tuesday threw out an appeal against a decision to send a war crimes complaint against U.S. Iraq war commander Gen. Tommy Franks on to the United States.

The case against Franks — and other complaints under a Belgian universal jurisdiction law against President George W. Bush, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Colin Powell — have cooled diplomatic relations between Belgium and Washington this year.

The original complaint against Franks was filed by 19 civilians

wounded or bereaved in the Iraq war. The complaint cited 14 incidents in which civilians were allegedly targeted by U.S. forces during the Iraq war earlier this year.

Under diplomatic pressure, the government of Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt pushed through an amendment in May that allows a case to be sent to the country of the accused if it has a democratic and fair legal system. The lawyer of the 19 civilians, Jan Fermon, appealed the May decision claiming the case could not be handled fairly by the U.S. legal system.

On Tuesday, the court ruled the decision to send the case on to Washington could not be appealed. Fernon is now considering taking the case to Belgium's supreme court.

RAF CASERT (AP)

# World Bank Issues Blistering Attack

## Wolfensohn says rich countries ignoring plight of the poor

**DUBAI, U.A.E.** | The World Bank opened its annual meeting Tuesday with a blistering attack on rich countries for spending billions more on their militaries and their farmers than they do on helping the poor.

"Our planet is not balanced," World Bank President James Wolfensohn told delegates from 184 countries. "Too few control too much, and too many have too little to hope for."

The failure of global trade talks

this month in the Mexican resort of Cancun highlights the deep divide that must be overcome to create a stable future, Wolfensohn said in an opening address to the joint meeting of his bank and the IMF.

Rich nations balked at cuts in farm subsidies in the Cancun meeting and poor nations refused to proceed.

He criticized rich countries for providing just \$56 billion a year in development assistance to poor countries, compared with more than \$300 billion they spend on agricultural subsidies and \$600 billion spent on defense.

Refusing to lay blame for glob-

al troubles entirely on the wealthy West, Wolfensohn said poor countries spend \$200 billion on defense — more than they invest in education. DIRK BEVERIDGE (AP)

### SUMMIT MILESTONE

→ **The IMF-World Bank** summit is the first such event held in an Arab country, and many delegates are calling that a good signal for the troubled region. The host country, United Arab Emirates, opened Tuesday's session with a call to the international community to help rebuild Iraq and to help bring peace to the Mideast.



**WHO KNEW?** Ivory Coast, a former French colony and the world's top cocoa producer, was for decades the most prosperous country in West Africa. The country has been in turmoil ever since a 1999 coup, however.

### HEARSAY | PAKISTAN

"Musharraf is not a constitutional president. He is a usurper."

— **RAJA PERVEZ ASHRAF**, OF PAKISTAN'S LOWER HOUSE OF THE PARLIAMENT, TAKING PART MONDAY IN A DEMONSTRATION WITH OTHER OPPOSITION LAWMAKERS AGAINST PRESIDENT GEN. PERVEZ MUSHARRAF

### RUSSIA | FUNNY MONEY



**AHEM:** Moscow authorities have ordered that street advertisements for the financial weekly "Finans," like the one pictured above, be removed on the grounds that they depict the euro and dollar symbols in a compromising position.

## In Brief

### ISRAEL Palestinian Leader Not Likely to be Released

Israel's defense minister said Tuesday the government had no intention of releasing a jailed Palestinian uprising leader, but that progress was being made toward a prisoner swap with Lebanese guerrillas. Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said Marwan Barghout, considered a potential successor to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, was not likely to be part of a deal to exchange Arab prisoners, including Palestinians,

for an Israeli businessman and the bodies of three Israeli soldiers kidnapped by Hezbollah in 2000. (AP)

### SIERRA LEONE Britain Lifts Travel Warning, Says Peace Has Taken Root

Britain's Foreign Office withdrew its long-standing warning about nonessential travel to Sierra Leone on Tuesday, saying that peace had finally taken root in the West African state. Ten years of devastating civil war destroyed Sierra Leone's infrastructure before stability was restored, with the help of British armed forces, in January 2002. (AP)

### SWITZERLAND Troubled Swiss Air Teams With British Airways

Switzerland's struggling national airline has negotiated a "strategic alliance" with British Airways that improves the cash resources of the Swiss airline, officials said Tuesday. Swiss, which lost \$253.6 million in the first six months of this year, had faced months of speculation over a link up with another company, seen as a way to keep the carrier in the air. Most market rumors had focused

on a possible deal with Germany's Lufthansa. (AP)

### ROMANIA 9 Men Arrested For Laundering \$60M

Nine Arab men have been arrested for laundering more than \$60 million using forged documents through 19 phantom companies, authorities said. Four men were from Syria, two were Palestinians and one was Iraqi. There was no nationality given for the other two men. (AP)



**BY THE NUMBERS:** According to a report published Tuesday in the Israeli newspaper Haaretz, Israel has spent at least \$10.1 billion on settlements since capturing the West Bank and Gaza in 1967. (AP)



## Region

# More Rain, More Hassles

## Frederick sinkhole, Wilson Bridge closing follow latest storm

WASHINGTON | Efforts to recover from the effects of Hurricane Isabel took a huge step backward in the Washington, D.C., area Tuesday. Early morning storms caused flooding, snarled traffic, knocked down trees and added thousands of customers to utility company power outage rosters.

The Woodrow Wilson Bridge was closed for several hours Tuesday afternoon as crews removed an overhead sign damaged by the hurricane.

Amtrak temporarily suspended service between Washington and Baltimore due to flooded tracks at Landover, Md. Virginia Railway Express canceled one train Tuesday morning and delayed several others.

MARC service from West Virginia and Maryland to



TIMOTHY JACOBSEN/AP

Adam Lucas looks on as a van is stuck in floodwaters in Buckeystown, Md.

Washington was disrupted near Frederick, Md., when a sinkhole 75 feet long and 25 feet deep opened up near Interstate 70.

Entrances at two Metrorail subway stations in the region were

closed temporarily by high water.

The overnight storm darkened a number of neighborhoods that had just regained power.

Pepco already had 105,000 customers without power in the District, Montgomery and Prince George's. The storm added another 10,000 to the list. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

**Electric slide:** See crews work on power lines in an effort to restore electricity to victims of Hurricane Isabel and Tuesday's storm | [washingtonpost.com/metro](http://washingtonpost.com/metro)

## Judge Blocks Argument For Muhammad Motive

MANASSAS, VA. | Sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad may have been seeking to harm his ex-wife during last year's sniper spree, prosecutors argued Tuesday, but a judge ruled they can't make that argument at trial because they have no supporting evidence.

Prosecutor Richard Conway said one of Muhammad's motives may have been to hurt Mildred Muhammad, who moved to Clinton, Md., with the couple's children.

Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. upheld a request from defense lawyers to bar any trial testimony that John Muhammad had either kidnapped the couple's children or made any threats against Mildred. Millette said he would revisit the issue if prosecutors come up with evidence to support the motive.

Also Tuesday, three witnesses who placed Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo in the vicinity of two



TRACY A. WOODWARD/POOL/AP

Judge Leroy F. Millette Jr., listens to arguments in Tuesday's hearing.

of last October's shootings will be allowed to testify at Muhammad's upcoming trial, Millette ruled.

One witness said he saw Muhammad and Malvo in a Chevy Caprice outside a Bowie, Md., middle school one hour before the Oct. 7 shooting of 13-year-old Iran Brown, who survived. Two other witnesses, employees at a Silver Spring, Md., YMCA, said they saw Muhammad at the Y the day of the final sniper shooting. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

## With Senate Vote Looming, Mayor Pitches Vouchers

WASHINGTON | As a Senate show-down nears on a school voucher plan for the nation's capital, the city's mayor went looking for support for the measure Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

Mayor Anthony A. Williams met with Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

Williams, a lifelong Democrat, favors the plan and is hoping fellow Democrats will not mount a filibuster to keep it from coming to a vote.

On Sept. 9, the House approved a similar voucher plan for the district. The House version provides \$10 million, which would cover an estimated 1,300 students.

Frist says he expects to bring the issue to the Senate floor for debate within 24 hours, with a vote by week's end. (AP)

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# Money

## AOL Settles Federal Charges

WASHINGTON | America Online and federal regulators have settled charges of unfair practices, in which the Federal Trade Commission accused AOL of continuing to charge customers who had asked to cancel subscriptions. The company's CompuServe subsidiary also was charged for failing to deliver timely \$400 rebates to consumers.

The proposed consent agreement outlines required changes for the way the companies handle such situations.

In a statement, AOL said the agreement does not contain any fines or admissions of wrongdoing. The public can comment on the deal until Oct. 23. (AP)

**America Out-of-Line?** Post reporter Alec Klein discusses the company at noon on [washingtontimes.com/liveonline](http://washingtontimes.com/liveonline).

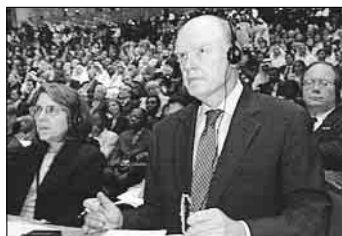
## U.S. Pledges to Halve Deficit By End of 2008

DUBAI, U.A.E | U.S. Treasury Secretary John W. Snow told global bankers and economists that the massive U.S. budget deficit would be halved by the end of 2008.

Snow made the pledge Tuesday at the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, both of which have cited the growing U.S. trade and budget deficits as dark clouds looming over the fragile global recovery.

He called the budget deficit an "understandable" consequence of the recent recession, and told delegates it would be tamed through "ample growth" and "disciplined spending," having earlier ruled out any tax increases as "counter-productive."

He offered few other details. The



Treasury Secretary John W. Snow at the joint session on Tuesday in Dubai.

Treasury Department has said the deficit reached \$400.5 billion in the first 11 months of the 2003 budget year — twice the total for the same period a year earlier.

IMF managing director Horst Koehler said the United States needed a "credible framework" to reduce its deficit as growth stabilizes, so as not to cause problems in the coming years. PAUL GEITNER (AP)

## In Brief

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS Nextel Sues Verizon Over Walkie-Talkie Ads

Cell phone provider Nextel Communications asked a federal judge Tuesday to block advertising by rival Verizon Wireless that claims it offers superior walkie-talkie service on its mobile phones. Nextel claimed

that its service is better because its digital network offers connections in less than one second, and said it could take up to six seconds with Verizon. A Verizon spokeswoman called the suit an attempt by Nextel to protect a monopoly. (AP)

### AIRLINES JetBlue Sued For Disclosure

A group of passengers sued JetBlue Airways Corp. for passing their

personal information to a Defense Department contractor. The class-action lawsuit, filed Monday, follows JetBlue's acknowledgment last week that, in violation of its own privacy policy, it had given information from about 5 million passenger records to Torch Concepts of Huntsville, Ala. The Electronic Privacy Information Center also filed a complaint Monday with the Federal Trade Commission. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
RightMgs	18.28	+2.33	+14.6
SpeedM	30.58	+3.67	+13.6
ARetireh	3.05	+3.0	+10.9
SvceCp	4.95	+4.2	+9.3
HarInd	27.45	+2.15	+8.5

#### Losers

TritonPCS	5.14	-.82	-13.8
CKE Rst	7.00	-.69	-9.0
Footstar	7.36	-.61	-7.7
Gettlym	35.33	-2.50	-6.6
Milacron	2.36	-.15	-6.0

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GeronCp	14.80	+5.23	+54.7
Euroweb	6.15	+1.98	+47.5
Omtool rs	4.80	+1.40	+41.1
GManning	7.17	+1.79	+33.3
AdolorCp	19.20	+4.33	+29.1

#### Losers

DWalker	2.46	-.62	-20.1
PacWest	3.21	-.48	-13.0
Abrams	3.97	-.49	-11.0
OnTrack n	3.75	-.45	-10.7
Physmtrx	2.50	-.28	-10.1

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.92	0.93
2-year	1.63	1.59
10-year	4.21	4.28
30-year	5.09	5.20

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.6049	.6058	.6449
Canadian Dollar	1.3555	1.3453	1.5825
European Euro	.8719	.8710	1.0228
Japanese Yen	112.09	111.96	123.79
Mexican Peso	10.8050	10.7620	10.2665
Taiwanese Dollar	33.73	33.80	34.81

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+40.63	+27.10	+6.21
+0.43	+1.45	+0.61
9576.04	1901.72	1029.03

### Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AOL TW	16.23	+1.10	+23.9
ClearChan	40.30	-.37	+8.1
Comcast	31.60	+1.04	+34.1
Comc sp	30.40	+1.05	+34.6
CoxCom	33.08	+4.0	+16.5
Disney	20.20	+1.19	+23.9
Fox Ent	30.00	-.65	+15.7
Gannett	78.85	+1.05	+9.8
GM H	14.78	+2.0	+38.1
LibtyMA	10.38	-.12	+16.1
LibtyMB	10.67	+0.1	+16.0
NewsCorp	34.05	+0.7	+29.7
Thomson	31.00	+2.6	+16.0
Viacom	40.32	-.32	-1.2
ViacomB	40.27	-.27	-1.2

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## Michael Wilbon Sports Columnist

Writing what you were thinking.

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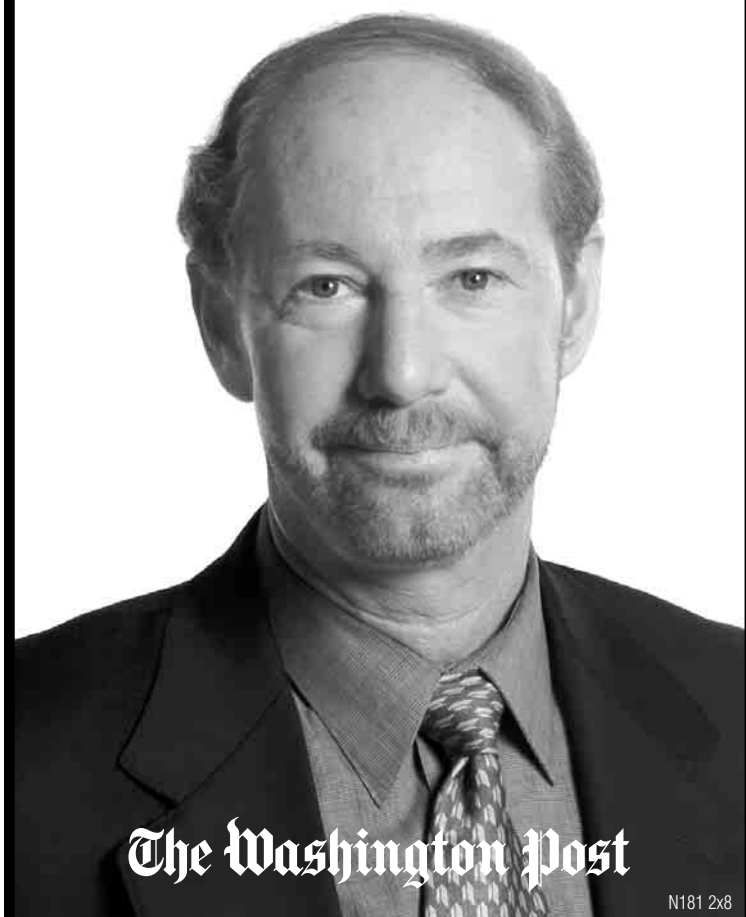
... They knock on one door, they get Julia Roberts. They knock on another door, they get Doris Roberts ...

... Jerry Jones is so hands-on, he makes Dan Snyder look like Venus de Milo ...

... I'm not always negative. Just most of the time ...

## Tony Kornheiser | Sports Columnist

Writing at the top of his lungs.



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## Sports

# Clarett Ready For NFL

## Ohio State back sues league to change its draft eligibility rules

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL** | Suspended Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett sued the NFL on Tuesday, asking a judge to throw out a league rule preventing players from entering the draft until they have been out of high school for three years.

Clarett is not eligible for the draft until 2005 under current rules.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in New York, claims the NFL rule violates antitrust law and harms competition by excluding players who are shy of the three-year requirement.

Clarett was suspended from the Ohio State team for at least a year after an investigation determined he broke NCAA bylaws concerning benefits for athletes and lying to investigators.

He claims it was "almost certain" he would have been taken in the first round of the 2003 draft had he been eligible, and would have made millions of dollars.

ERIN MCCLAM (AP)

### SOCCER | A LEG UP



**DRILLING:** Players from Australia's World Cup team practice in California Tuesday in preparation for Thursday's first-round match with China.

JOE CAVARETTA/AP

### HEARSAY | AGING

"It doesn't matter how old or young you are. You're here to do your job and find ways to get better."

—SEATTLE PITCHER JAMIE MOYER WHO ON MONDAY BECAME THE FIFTH 40-YEAR-OLD TO WIN 20 GAMES IN A SEASON

## Today's TV Lineup

**BASEBALL** (2 p.m. on ESPN) San Francisco has already clinched a spot in the playoffs, but Houston is fighting for the National League Central crown.

**BASEBALL** (2 p.m. on WGN) Esteban Loaiza tries once again to get his 20th victory for the Chicago White Sox, who host the New York Yankees.

**BASEBALL** (7 p.m. on ESPN2) The Chicago

## Doping Agency Makes Caffeine Legal for Athletes

**OLYMPICS** | The World Anti-Doping Agency decided Tuesday to remove caffeine and pseudoephedrine, an ingredient in Sudafed, from the list of banned substances for international sports.

The change was intended to prevent athletes who took common cold remedies or drank cola or coffee from being suspended or disgraced.

A two-day meeting of WADA's executive committee also named modafinil, the medication that could cost United States sprinter Kelli White two world championship gold medals, as a banned stimulant for the first time.

In a statement on the meeting issued before the final news conference, the agency mentioned the changes but provided no further details. ADAM SHARON (AP)

## In Brief

### KOBE BRYANT

#### Prosecutors Press Bryant Judge to Keep Hearing Open

Prosecutors in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case asked a judge Tuesday to keep next month's preliminary hearing open, joining news organizations that contend the public has a right to know. District Attorney Mark Hurlbert told Judge Frederick Gannett in court papers that the evidence to be presented during the Oct. 9 hearing would not threaten Bryant's right to a fair trial. (AP)

### PRO FOOTBALL

#### Faulk to Have Knee Surgery

St. Louis Rams running back Marshall Faulk will have surgery Wednesday to repair cartilage in his right knee. The injury has bothered Faulk off and on since training camp. He already was expected to miss four to six weeks after breaking two broken bones in his left hand Sunday at Seattle. The knee surgery will not cause him to miss any additional time. (AP)



Faulk

### BASEBALL

#### Robinson to Manage USA Qualifying Baseball Squad

Montreal Expos manager Frank Robinson was selected Tuesday to manage the U.S. baseball team that will try to qualify for the Athens Olympics. Robinson, a Hall of Famer, will handle a professional team that will begin training in the Arizona Fall League on Oct. 4 before the qualifying event in Panama City on Oct 30 through Nov. 11. (AP)

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

#### Florida State's Rix Gets Another Parking Ticket

Florida State quarterback Chris Rix was ticketed again Tuesday for a parking violation, this time for leaving his vehicle in a spot reserved for patients at the school's regional rehabilitation center, university police said. Rix was ticketed last week for parking in a handicapped-only spot and was fined \$100. Tuesday's offense was reported by a professor who took several photos of Rix's vehicle, university officials said. (AP)

# Tigers Approach Record for Futility

**PRO BASEBALL** | The embarrassment on the field is just about over for the Detroit Tigers, a season of futility coming to a merciful end. Then, of course, they'll have to deal with the jokes for years to come.

As this once-proud franchise closes in on the modern record of 120 losses, it can find solace in one other piece of history:

The team they seem destined to pass, the 1962 New York Mets, won the World Series just seven years after setting the standard for bad baseball. So perhaps there is hope, but not much in the short term for Detroit.

Going into Tuesday night's game against the Royals in Kansas City, the Tigers had lost 10 games in a row. They broke the American League record for losses with 118 on Monday and needed to win five of their remaining six games to avoid the historic mark.

The Tigers have played so poorly they are 20-plus games behind the San Diego Padres, the next worst team in baseball.

Besides the Mets, the only other team to lose as many games disbanded the following season. The 1899 Cleveland Spiders finished 20-134. LARRY LAGE (AP)



Jeremy Bonderman walks off the mound in a game on Sept. 14.

## Judge: Alabama Can't Be Sued For Firing Price

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL** | A judge plans to dismiss most of Mike Price's \$20 million lawsuit over his firing as Alabama's football coach, a job he lost over claims of drunken behavior in Florida.

Ruling during a hearing Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Scott Coogler said the University of Alabama was immune from being sued over Price's dismissal last spring.

Coogler also said President Robert Witt couldn't be sued in his official capacity, but refused to dismiss all the claims Price made against Witt as an individual. (AP)

**The Bosies:** As the regular season comes to a close this week, Thomas Boswell reveals who he thinks should win end-of-year awards | Today's Post, Sports



# A Tale Grows in Brooklyn

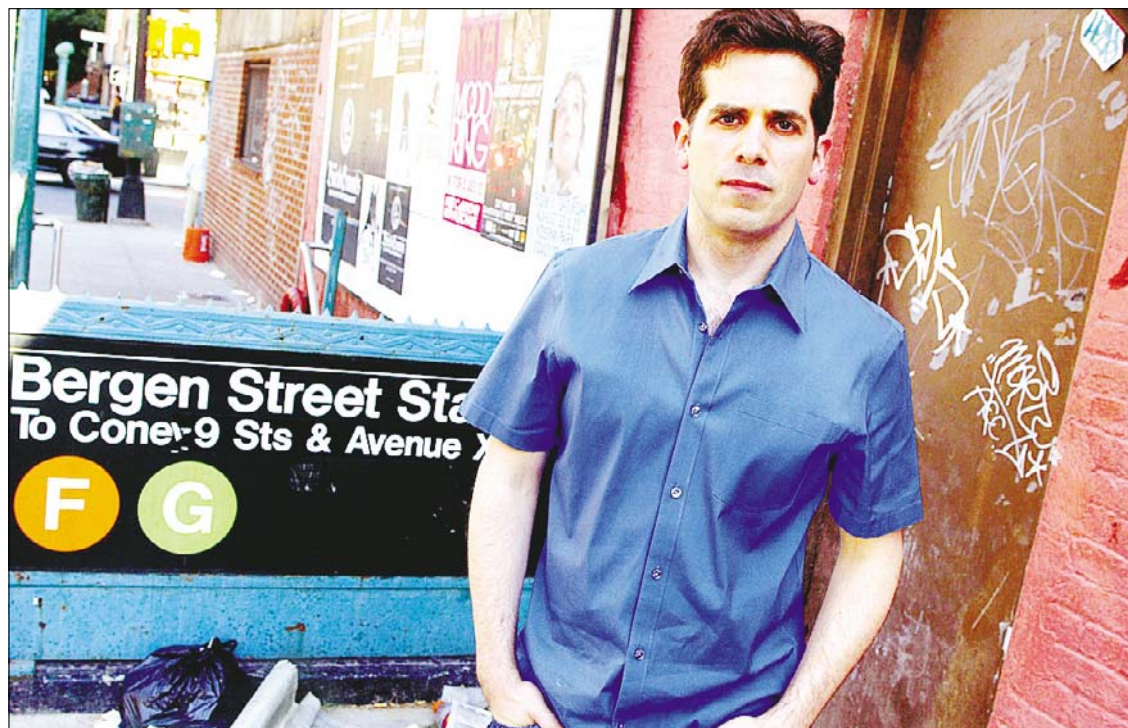
**Jonathan Lethem**  
conjures a past full  
of high art and pulp

**BOOKS** | Dean Street in Brooklyn is one of those sweet, shaded neighborhoods that make you nostalgic for a childhood you didn't even have. Author Jonathan Lethem, who grew up here, declares it the most beautiful street in New York City.

"First of all, it's the homes," he says on a recent afternoon stroll, pointing to the compact brick row houses that line the block. "And the sidewalks. They're slate sidewalks. No one makes them like that anymore."

Lethem is not an old man clinging to memories of egg creams and the Brooklyn Dodgers. He is just 39, with a teen-ager's narrow build and the hipster's dark-rimmed glasses. But he has been around long enough to see his old neighborhood change entirely. Powerless in real life to bring back what he calls the "lost Eden" of childhood, he has instead resurrected it, with a few notable twists, in fiction.

His books include the award-winning "Motherless Brooklyn" and a highly anticipated new novel, "The Fortress of Solitude," the story of a white kid and a black kid who grow up together in Brooklyn. Dylan Ebdus is the son of a reclusive painter and filmmaker. Mingus Rude is



**EXPRESS LINE TO THE PAST:** The author in the neighborhood he reanimates, down to fictional comic books, in his new novel.

the son of a former soul singer and, for Dylan, comprises "a world, an exploding bomb of possibilities."

Lethem tells a fanciful story complete with comic-book heroes and liner notes for a harmony group, the Distinctions, that exists only in the author's mind. But he also documents very real changes in street life, from the dramas of race and class in the 1970s and 1980s to the oncoming homogenization of the present.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in one those brick row houses, Lethem is the son of avant-garde artist Richard Brown Lethem.

"What was so striking to me was that as the child of an idealistic movement in the '60s ... my parents had instilled me with the idea that the battle had been won. And so it was left to the neighborhood to educate me in the rougher reality of disenfranchisement."

All of his work tracks the

romantic's quest for what once was: a girl, a family, youth, the world itself. Loss has been an old companion of Lethem's, as intimate as the death of his mother when he was a teenager and as public as Brooklyn itself.

For his next book, the author is thinking about the West Coast. His story will be less about parents and children than about relationships among adults. At least on paper, he's pulling away. **HILLEL ITALIE (AP)**

## Top Stops

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### Party Humor: Dave Barry

Humorist Dave Barry has made a career out of a deceptively clueless persona; one British publication called him "the funniest man in America." Expect adoring college students and late-era baby boomers to turn out to hear Barry read from "Boogers Are My Beat: More Lies, but Some Actual Journalism."

*Olsson's; 2111 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 7 p.m., free; 703-525-4227. (Courthouse)*

### Southwestern Scare: 'The Wailing Woman'

As we edge into the scary season, spooky stuff creeps into town on scaly claws. Today, charismatic New Mexico storyteller Rosalia de Aragon recites "The Haunting Tale of La Llorona" (the Wailing Woman), to the shivery delight of listeners of all ages.

*Arts and Industries Building, Discovery Theater; 900 Jefferson Drive SW; 10 and 11:30 a.m., free; 202-357-1500. Through Sept. 25.*



Rosalia de Aragon brings the Wailing Woman to life in words and gestures.

# The Puzzler's Challenge

**GAMES** | If you think videogame puzzles begin and end with "Tetris," think again.

One of the best of the post-"Tetris" puzzlers is available now in the guise of "Bombastic" from Capcom for the PlayStation 2.

Explaining "Bombastic" is almost as tough as playing.

You control a cute little creature with a spit curl in the middle of his forehead as you try to match the number faces on dice. Linking three threes, two twos, etc., causes an explosion that clears blocks in



Not an advertisement for a laser light-show featuring King Crimson's music.

all directions equal to the face value of the exploding dice. Thus, if you link four fours, the blast extends four blocks in all directions.

Sixes take longer to blow than twos, and make a much more satisfactory blast. However, it's also far harder to link six sixes.

The explosions also clear off a collection of strange little enemies, any of whom can cost you a life. There's a killer Boss at the end of each level who takes a lot of effort to dispatch.

It's not very challenging for the

first few levels, but as the game proceeds, the maze gets more complicated, enemies multiply and seem to grow smarter, and logic become increasingly vital to success.

As is typical among puzzlers, "Bombastic" offers graphics that are crisp, clean, simple and far from special. Moving your little guy is about all you have to do, and he follows your lead quite well, although the tiny graphics make for the occasional early demise.

Unfortunately, the jingly, bouncy techno tunes will quickly drive you looney. But "Bombastic" is a solid, demanding puzzle game that will make you forget "Tetris" and all its permutations. **WILLIAM**

**SCHIFFMANN (AP)**

### Climb Every Mountain: Tribute to Sir Edmund

Mingma Norbu Sherpa teams with photographer Anne Keiser for National Geographic's "Celebrating Sir Edmund Hillary's Life and Legend." The two narrate a thrilling slide-show ("... and this is me without my big toes") detailing Hillary's historic conquest of Mt. Everest.

*S. Dillon Ripley Center; 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 6 p.m., \$15; 202-357-3030. (Smithsonian)*

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# Entertainment

## TopStops

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### Wings and Weck: Buffalo Stampede

**4** Real Buffalo wings from real upstate New York are among the temptations on the menu for the New York State Society's 25th Annual Buffalo Nite. We don't care about the Bills-Redskins rivalry of the '90s, we don't care that Buffalo hasn't hosted "Get Uptight D.C. Style Night" (note primly correct spelling) lately — all we want is some of that sweet, sweet chicken meat. Also: sausage, beef on weck, music, door prizes and lots of upstate pride.

*Dirksen Senate Office Building; First and C streets NE; 6-9 p.m., \$25; seiz2day.com/nyss/buffalo.htm.*

### Hey, Mr. DJ: Playing Your Song

**5** Be the DJ — or just play one for half an hour at Blue Room's new midweek spin party, "Hi-Fi." BYOB of vinyl LPs (the best DJs are turntable-conversant and CD-phobic) and don't be afraid of mixing up genres and confusing your slightly tipsy listeners; the mood is mellow and the Room offers a relatively safe environment for publicly admitting that vintage Debbie Gibson kind of rocks.

*Blue Room; 2321 18th St. NW; 8 p.m.-close, free; 202-332-0800.*



**LAST CHANCE:** It's the second and final night of subversive comedy from the Smothers Brothers. Rams Head Tavern; 33 West St., Annapolis; 8:30 p.m., \$79.50; 410-481-7328.

# Solemn 'Brotherhood'

**TELEVISION** | Part " Fargo" and part "Peyton Place," "The Brotherhood of Poland, New Hampshire" (10 p.m., CBS), the new drama from prolific producer David E. Kelley, has one of the new season's most promising casts. But not even Mare Winningham, Randy Quaid, Chris Penn and Elizabeth McGovern can save "Poland" from its maudlin excesses.

Don't go looking for raging teenage hormones in "Poland." In this New England burg, the psychodramas belong to the old and the restless. Make that the middle-aged crazy.

The three beefy Shaw brothers think they run the town. Hank (Quaid) is the bitter police chief who is getting crankier by the moment



**BEEFY BROS:** Apparently, in Poland, N.H., husky lugs have their pick of hot women.

because his wife (Winningham) no longer finds him attractive. She sees him as the living embodiment of Poland, a town in which she feels trapped. So can you blame her

for not wanting to "make love" to Poland?

Garret (John Carroll Lynch) is the town's mayor. When not feuding with the town's biggest employer,

he's fighting off a blackmail attempt by his former mistress.

Waylon (Penn) is out of work and slightly out of his mind ever since he convinced himself that his wife was having an affair with a lover who disguised his cologne to smell like Pledge.

Clearly intended to be quirky, "Poland" all but drowns in a sea of bad whine. For a bunch of supposedly buttoned-up guys, the Shaw brothers talk about their feeling all the damn time.

But their attempts at amateur therapy are a laugh riot compared to the police brutality, statutory rape, suicide, depression and economic recession that go on in this dreary little town. The gang should charter a bus and visit "The Gilmore Girls" or that chirpy town where "Ed" takes place.

Maybe they'll learn to lighten up.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



## ON TV TONIGHT

### UH, 'REDRUM'?

**HOW DO YOU SPELL MURDER?** (7 p.m., Cinemax) This documentary visits New Jersey State Prison in Trenton, where half of the inmates are serving time for murder and 75 percent of the prisoners are illiterate.

"Murder" follows a group of convicts, many of them serving multiple sentences for homicide, as they teach other prisoners to read.

The film celebrates the psychological "liberation" of newly literate prisoners and explores the connection between illiteracy and crime.

### OUR AGING TROOPS

**60 MINUTES II** (8 p.m., CBS) Dan Rather joins U.S. troops as they hunt for

Saddam Hussein; also, family movies of Frank Sinatra that have never been aired before.

### BEING CHER

**PERFORMING AS** (8 p.m., Fox) Contestants impersonate their favorites for a chance at \$200,000 on the two-hour finale.

### KICK THEM BOTH OUT

**BIG BROTHER 4** (9 p.m., CBS) The gang returns to decide the fates of Jun and Allison on the finale.

### RETRIEVING ZOE

**THE WEST WING** (9 p.m., NBC) The Speaker of the House and acting president (John Goodman) addresses the nation as Jed Bartlet (who stepped down as president) searches for his daughter and takes the heat for past transgressions.



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### NICE GUYS FINISH FIRST

**THE BACHELOR** (9 p.m., ABC) Beefy "Bachelorette" castoff Bob Guiney returns as the chooser and auditions his bevy of willing lovelies.

**JAKE 2.0** (9 p.m., UPN) goes undercover as a waiter.

### CULT CHOICE

**A STAR IS BORN** (8 p.m., TCM) Judy Garland and James Mason star in director George Cukor's 1954 musical version of this timeless but bitter Hollywood story.

Rumor has it that Will Smith and director Joel Schumacher are looking to remake this tale yet again and set it in the world of hip-hop music. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



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# Ford's Gentler Giants

The popular F-series pick-up truck gets a subtle makeover

**ROAD TEST** | It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of the Ford F-series pickup to its manufacturer. It's Ford's bestselling model, and is the most popular vehicle in the country by sales volume. Further, it's in a segment of the market under assault by Toyota and Nissan.

So, it's easy to understand why Ford works hard to keep the F-150 competitive but also why it makes changes to the pickup line very, very carefully. If you compare an 04 to an 03, you might at first be underwhelmed. But the redesigned version is significantly improved in several key areas.

I sampled both an XLT SuperCrew and a FX4 SuperCab. All cab styles, including "regular" cab with no seats in the rear, now have four doors.

The first thing I noticed when I drove the SuperCrew on the highway was how quiet it was in the cabin. I can't remember driving a pickup with so little wind, tire and engine noise. The SuperCab was just as quiet, but its suspension is calibrated with off-roading in mind, and its ride was harder.

The interiors of both test trucks were trimmed beautifully. The FX4's optional sport seats (\$1,150) were comfortable and supportive, even after several hours at the wheel.



**SOCIAL CLIMBER:** The Ford F-150 frolics in its harsh natural habitat. Back in civilization, it handles with genteel ease.

Considering its 300-horsepower output, the new 5.4-liter V-8 in both testers didn't impress. But then, both weigh well over 5,000 pounds — heavier than their predecessors by hundreds of pounds.

Safety features include "smart" air bags that tailor their deployments to conditions such as occupant weight. But there are no side-impact or curtain-type air bags available — the latter a particularly unfortunate omission given the high rollover accident rates of pickup trucks. TOM INCANTALUPO (NEWSDAY)

## 2004 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW AND FX4 SUPERCAB

**TYPE:** Front-engine, four-wheel-drive, six-passenger, full-size pickup truck

**ENGINE:** 5.4-liter V-8, 300 hp

**MILEAGE:** 14 mpg city, 18 highway

**TRANSMISSION:** Four-speed automatic, rear or part-time four-wheel drive

**WEIGHT:** SuperCrew/SuperCab, 5,606/5,464 pounds

**SAFETY:** Dual "smart" air bags; lap and shoulder belts in front outboard and all three rear seating positions; head restraints in outboard seating positions; four-wheel disc brakes with antilock; reverse obstacle sensing

**BOXES:** (both vehicles) 5.5 feet long; 50 inches wide between wheel wells

**PRICES AS DRIVEN:** SuperCrew/SuperCab, \$37,835/\$36,155



**Drive-by advising.** Car expert Lou Ann Hammond, owner and founder of carlist.com, chats at 11 a.m. this Thursday on [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline).

## In Brief

### PARTS

#### Faster and Furiouser

Mopar, Chrysler Group's parts and accessories brand, is launching a line of performance upgrades designed to make the Dodge SRT-4, already the quickest production car in America under \$20,000, even quicker. Among the new aftermarket add-ons: A Stage 1 turbo upgrade kit that boosts output from the car's 2.4-liter turbocharged engine to 240 horsepower and 260 foot-pounds of torque, and a short-throw shifter that improves shifting performance due in large part to reduced shifter travel, or "shifter throw."

### HYBRIDS

#### Ford Fails to Deliver Hybrid

Ford Motor Co.'s new gasoline-electric hybrid sport-utility vehicle will not be available by year's end to fleet customers as originally planned, a Ford spokeswoman said Tuesday. Initial plans called for a limited number of hybrid Escapes to be delivered to fleet customers this year for external testing. But Ford has decided to do the testing internally and, as such, will launch the hybrid Escape for fleet purposes late next summer, the same time it debuts the SUV for retail customers. (AP)



The Ford Escape hybrid debuted at the New York International Auto Show.

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## Cars

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## 2004 model add-ons can dial your phones and play your DVDs

**OPTIONS** | Ah, we are becoming a spoiled bunch inside our cars and trucks. The newest features appearing on 2004 models show a trend toward ever more cushy, high-tech add-ons.

For example, several Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep vehicles in 2004 offer UConnect, a hands-free voice-activated communications system that includes Bluetooth, a short-range wireless technology.

Simply bring your Bluetooth-enabled phone into the vehicle, and it will be recognized by the car's UConnect, allowing numbers to be dialed hands-free via voice commands and conversations to be held via a microphone and speakers in the vehicle. Suggested retail installation price is \$275 at the factory, \$299 at a dealership.

The new model year continues the proliferation of satellite radio, too. Offered by XM or Sirius, these radios provide about 100 stations with specialized content — many



**REAR WINDOW:** The Malibu Maxx offers optional backseat entertainment.

of them commercial-free — plus improved reception and a range that allows a driver to listen to one station in all 48 contiguous states.

For 2004, GM expands its XM radio offerings to more vehicles, including the Chevrolet Venture, where the feature is priced at \$325, and the Pontiac Vibe, where it's priced at \$325 on top of a requisite \$850 option package.

BMW makes Sirius satellite

radio available as an option on its 7-Series in 2004. This year, Sirius also became available at Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep dealerships as an aftermarket accessory for a variety of vehicles. Suggested retail price for installation is a minimum \$299. There are ongoing subscription charges for both services.

Entertainment systems continue to be offered on more vehicles this model year — and the newest models to add this feature aren't family-hauling minivans. They're cars and pickup trucks.

The 2004 Chevy Malibu Maxx, for example, seats only five but offers an optional DVD-based, rear-seat entertainment center. The display screen pulls up from the back of the console between the two front seats. Suggested retail price is \$995. Even the 2004 Nissan Titan pickup truck can be had with a DVD-based, rear-seat entertainment system. **ANN JOB (AP)**



**BY THE NUMBERS:** Consumers bought vehicle-service contracts on nearly 30 percent of new vehicles sold last year, according to the National Automobile Dealers Association. (WSJ)

# Volkswagen Vans Live On

**CLASSIC CARS** | There are no high-tech robots at this cavernous Volkswagen factory just outside Sao Paulo, Brazil. The 1,200 vans leaving the plant every month get a final quality control check unchanged in decades: Workers slam the doors a few times and use brute strength or worn wooden mallets to shove them into alignment.

Though the van — called a Kombi — is viewed as an outdated antique in most of the developed world, it is still going strong in Brazil, the only place on earth where production continues. Brazil's postal service has a massive fleet, as does the military. Kombis are used as hot dog stands and ambulances.

Though production of the van has declined by a third in the past decade — in part due to increased



**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The classic Volkswagen van is made only in Brazil.

competition — Volkswagen says it would be a poor business decision to stop making the Kombi (last offered in 1982 in the United States as the Transporter). The main reason: New Kombis go for about US\$9,000. Similar vehicles may be larger and have creature comforts

the Kombi lacks — like air conditioning — but almost all cost about twice as much.

Arthur Levy, a marketing executive with Volkswagen of Brazil, said the Kombi will probably remain in production for at least another decade. **ALAN CLENNENING (AP)**

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### I'm thinking of visiting Vietnam during Tet. Is that crazy?

Tet is a very exciting time in Vietnam, but lots of things close down for at least a couple days. I went there during Tet a couple years ago, and loved seeing people on their bikes hauling special flowers and trees, and enjoyed a wonderful New Year celebration in a main square in Hanoi.

I am a twentysomething who has never traveled outside of North America, and I'm planning on getting a passport ASAP, even though I have no definite travel plans. Can you give me some indication of how long the application process will take? The State Department's Web site says to allow "several months" before an anticipated trip, but does it really take that long?

That is not how long it takes to receive your passport (it's more like six weeks). That's their suggestion on how far in advance you should apply for a passport before a scheduled trip, as some countries do not like "newborn" passports. Best to get it now. Just follow the State Department's criteria and then start booking your trips around the globe.



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## Letters

## TO THE EDITOR

IN MONDAY'S EXPRESS, letter writer Lisa Vedeckis said Israel should "cool it" in regard to its desire to remove Yasser Arafat. That's easy to say from 4,000 miles away. I wonder if she would feel the same way about someone sitting in Alexandria who has control over an organization that sends people onto the Metro or the bus to blow up themselves and innocent people in the name of a cause?

And in response to the other letter, concerning the protocol for waking up those who have fallen asleep on the train, I would say if there is something on the person, like a building ID, that gives a clue to where they might be going, by all means be a good Samaritan. If not, let them sleep. (Please wake me at L'Enfant Plaza!)

—BRUCE GOLDBERG  
Silver Spring, Md.

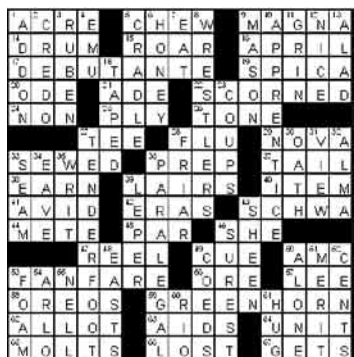
THE "TAG-TEAMING FOR VOTERS" item in Monday's Express misidentified Vince McMahon, the owner of World Wrestling Entertainment, as Jim McMahon, who of course was the quarterback for the Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears of the mid-1980s. Both flamboyant, perhaps, but not the same person.

—BEN SEGAL  
Alexandria, Va.

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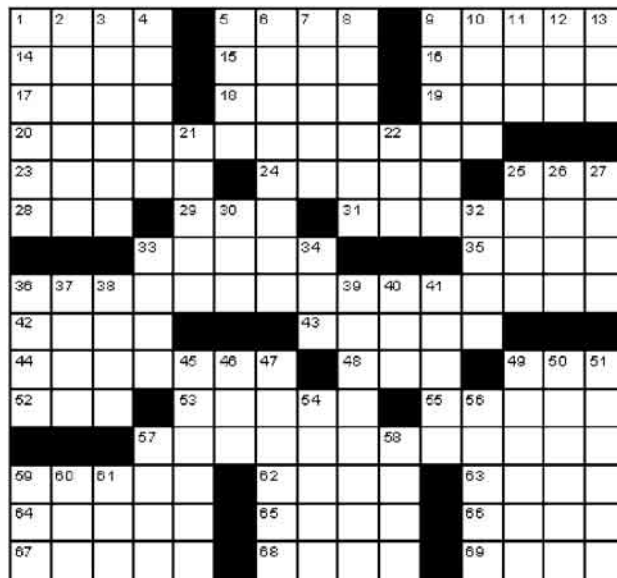
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## Crossword Puzzle | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

## ACROSS

- 1 Victoria's Secret stock  
5 2:1, e.g.  
9 Famous Uncle  
14 "\_\_\_ of Eden"  
15 Lovely young woman  
16 Dazzle  
17 Kudrow of "Friends"  
18 Joi de vivre  
19 Mischievous sprite  
20 It's sold by the roll  
23 Largo, e.g.  
24 Pasta topping  
25 Dollop  
28 Old syllable meaning "before"  
29 "Over There" conflict, briefly  
31 For the most part  
33 Burt Reynolds film  
35 Tentmaker of yore  
36 What a certain loyal follower does  
42 Skin-soothing ingredient  
43 Gazpacho ingredient  
44 Hornet's defense  
48 Vichy, notably  
49 "So, there you are!"  
52 Load of bricks  
53 Santa Anna took it  
55 Opposite  
57 Certain NHL player  
59 Red wine



- 62 Dino's master  
63 Drug shipment, perhaps  
64 Knute Rockne's team (with "The")  
65 Word with stream or head  
66 Compound with a doubly linked carbon atom

- 67 Social event  
68 Beanery sign  
69 Bit of marginalia

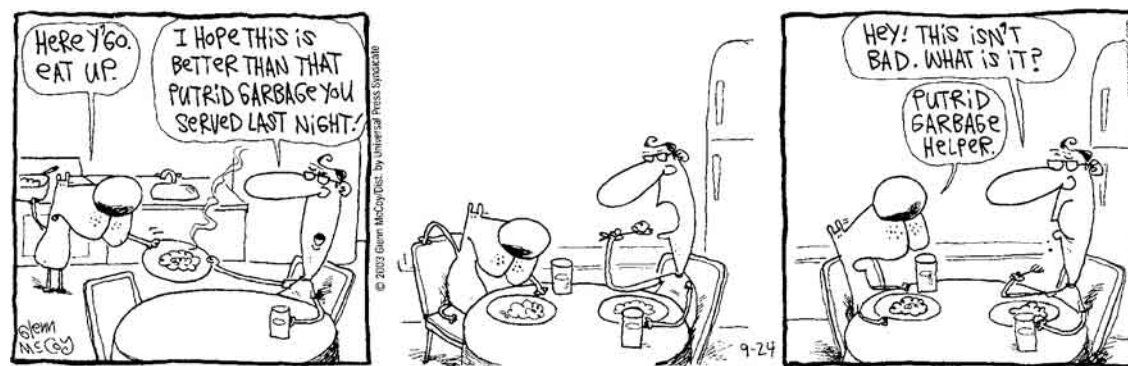
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- 1 Miss the deadline  
2 Persistent critic  
3 Take possession  
4 Philatelist's find  
5 Forthright

- 6 Mistaken opinion  
7 Pulitzer Prize category  
8 Ethically wrong  
9 Wit's weapon?  
10 Track legend Zátopek  
11 The Grinch's dog  
12 Israeli weapon  
13 Drop in on  
21 Some Midwestern

- Indians  
22 "L\_\_\_ del Cairo" (Mozart opera)  
25 Salesman's vehicle  
26 Controversial apple spray  
27 South Pole explorer  
30 Subj. of a 1999 protest in Seattle  
32 Formal dress or hospital smock  
33 "Glengarry \_\_\_ Ross"  
34 Pi's successor  
36 Religious ritual  
37 Like a certain sax  
38 Kind of chop  
39 Audacious  
40 Have some tea  
41 Some afternoon TV shows  
45 Lacking social polish  
46 Grimm shoemaker  
47 Fundraising event  
49 One lacking in pigment  
50 Loose woman  
51 Ring of color  
54 Song from "The Sound of Music"  
56 "The Old \_\_\_ Bucket"  
57 Seckel cousin  
58 Keatsian output  
59 Start for day or term  
60 Don Larsen stat  
61 Disturbance

## The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



## Horoscope | Stella Wilder

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Don't let another's mood hold you back. You can be immune to even the most negative influences if you so choose.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Worries and responsibilities will increase dramatically throughout the day; you may be misinterpreting important information.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — As a result of an early morning decision, you'll find that more are willing to support you without asking any questions.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Get in touch with those with whom you'll be working in the near future. The time has come to begin preparing. Delay no further.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — You haven't been following the rules lately, but so far you haven't been caught. Don't take any more risks; it's time to go straight.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Haste makes waste — and you are bound to risk far more than you can afford by jumping into a major project prematurely. Prepare yourself.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Look into things that seemed hidden or secretive in the recent past. Much can be revealed to you at this time.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — What you do will reflect more on others than it will on yourself. Be prepared to accept a hefty responsibility.

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**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — What waits for you just around the corner may seem threatening, but with a little preparation you can outweigh almost any serious risk.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Don't ignore the advice of others — particularly those who have failed at the same endeavors you are now attempting. They know a great deal.

## CALIFORNIA'S LATINO VOTERS

## Live Online

From [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

**GABRIEL LERNER**, nation and state editor, and staff writer **MARIA LUISA ARREDONDO** of La Opinion, Los Angeles' daily Spanish language newspaper, were online Tuesday to discuss the California recall election.

**There seem to be some discrepancies in the percentage of Hispanic voters in California. I've heard they make up anywhere from 10 percent to 16 percent of the electorate in California. What is the percentage your newspaper reports?**

One of every three Californians is Latino, a total of 12 million residents. In the 2000 presidential election, 16 percent of voters were Latino. The number has varied, however, in succeeding elections.

**How is Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante's credibility among Latinos in L.A., especially now that he's the only other Democrat running? Is this seen as traitorous? Could it hurt his political future if he does not win?**

Mr. Bustamante's credibility among the Latino population is very high. I don't think that they consider him a traitor, because if Davis loses the recall Bustamante can be a good Democratic candidate to replace him. Many Latinos trust him because they think he can defend many issues that affect immigrants, such as drivers licenses and access to public services for undocumented people.

**Do most native-born U.S. Hispanics support Gov. Gray Davis's recent decision to allow illegal aliens to get drivers licenses? If not, how does pandering to a non-voting segment of the population help Davis?**

In my opinion, most native-born U.S. Latinos support the initiative to allow undocumented people to get drivers licenses. They understand the need for those people to drive a car to go to their jobs, schools, etc. The decision has been very well received among Latinos and can help Davis get more support in this community.

## Today on Live Online:

11:30 A.M.: Post staff writer William Booth discusses the now-reinstated Oct. 7 California recall vote.

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# People

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## Maytag Man Jump, 71, Dies

**GORDON JUMP**, who played a befuddled radio station manager on the sitcom "WKRP in Cincinnati" and made his mark in commercials as the lonely Maytag repairman, died Monday at 71. According to a relative, Jump had suffered from pulmonary fibrosis. He played Arthur Carlson in "WKRP in Cincinnati," which aired on CBS from 1978-82, and portrayed the Maytag repairman from 1989 until he retired from the role in July. Jump is survived by his wife, four daughters and a son. (AP)



GREGG WOOD/AF/GETTY

## ROYALTY

## Outback Harry

Britain's **PRINCE HARRY** arrived Tuesday in Australia for a ride on the range, but not without some wrangling. The 19-year-old started out light with a visit to Sydney's zoo. For the next three months, Harry will labor as a cowboy on remote cattle ranches in the Outback. During that time, he will be shadowed by British security agents and Australian officers — an operation expected to cost \$400,000, which Aussie officials have asked be split with England. (AP)



Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez make their first appearance since splitting up.

## CELEBRITY

## Bennifer Register — a Gun

Just because **BEN AFFLECK** and **JENNIFER LOPEZ** aren't doing much of anything doesn't mean they're not making news. The couple set gossip pages aflame yet again Tuesday after they popped into a Georgia courthouse near Affleck's home. But apparently it was a gun license, not a marriage license, that the on-again, off-again pair was seeking Monday. The Hinesville, Ga., court clerk verified that the couple did not apply for a marriage license. (AP)

## SPORTS

## Lobo Hangs Up Hoops

**REBECCA LOBO** retired Tuesday after a career in which she led Connecticut to its first NCAA basketball championship and helped launch the WNBA. The 30-year-old Lobo, who spent last season with the Connecticut Sun, was plagued by knee injuries during her seven-year pro career. The 6-foot-4 Lobo was an original player for the WNBA's New York Liberty. (AP)



## LAW

## Gest, VH1 Drop Lawsuits

**DAVID GEST**, Liza Minnelli's estranged husband, and VH1 have "amicably resolved their differences" over the reality show that wasn't, the formerly warring factions said in a joint statement. There was no mention of a settlement. (AP)



## SPORTS

## Bon Jovi Swaps Rock for Soul

**JON BON JOVI** is bringing arena rock to arena football. Just don't expect him to perform during games. Bon Jovi will be co-owner of the Philadelphia Soul, an expansion Arena Football League team

that will play next season in the Wachovia Center and Wachovia Spectrum. His partner is developer Craig A. Spencer, whose properties include the Ritz-Carlton in Philadelphia, where Bon Jovi spoke Monday. "I love football, always have," said Bon Jovi, a New Jersey



native. "It's the only sport I really live and breathe." The Soul become the league's 18th team and second expansion team this year, following the New Orleans VooDoo. (AP)



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